

# Soldiers

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**S***OLDIERS* is proud to present **This Is Our Army 2001** — a pictorial record of the world's greatest Army at the start of a new millennium. We salute the photographers who provided these images, and we regret that space limitations prevent us from using all that we received.

The soldiers, family members and civilians who are the Army have a great story to tell, whether it's one of sweating through tough training, facing tense moments while maintaining peace somewhere in the world, managing the infinite complexities of running an Army community or raising an Army family. We thank all of you who took the time to find and tell those stories in pictures, and we're grateful that we were given the opportunity to publish them.



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Soldiers raise the American flag during the  
Quartermaster Center and School's regimen-  
tal week and Army birthday celebration at  
Fort Lee, Va.

— SARAH UNDERHILL





▶ 2LT Marc Messerschmitt thrusts his weapon above his head in celebration after finishing the two-mile buddy run and winning this year's Best Ranger Competition with his partner, 2LT Rick Ahern.  
— Yu Hu Son



▲ Soldiers of the 123rd Signal Battalion at Fort Stewart, Ga., do PT.  
— Chaplain (CPT) AVROHOM HOROVITZ



Ranger students repeat the ranger creed after completing the Malvesti Obstacle Course at 4th Ranger Trng. Bn., Fort Benning, Ga.  
— SPC MITCH FRAZIER ▶

The National Training Center's opposing force regrouping before a dawn "battle" at Fort Irwin, Calif.  
— SPC ALAN HERNANDEZ ▼

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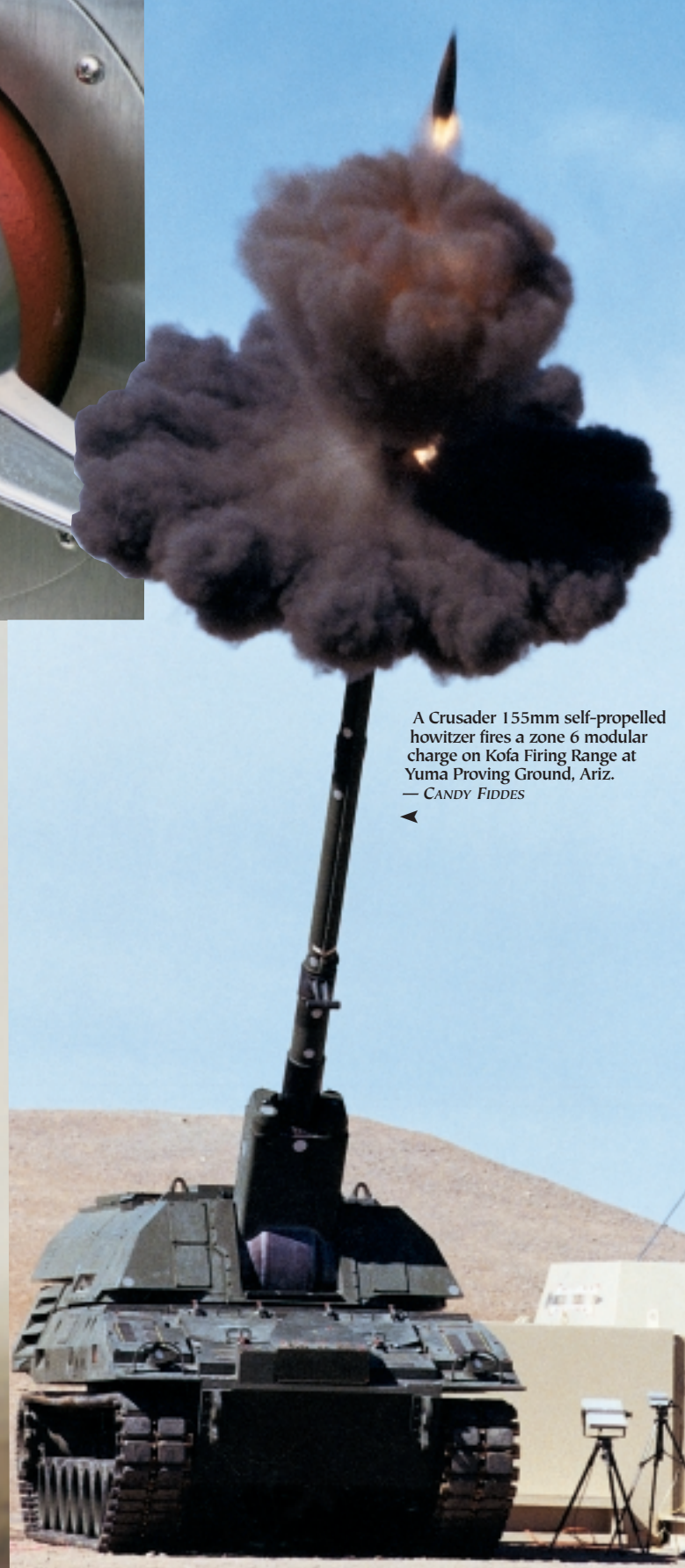






▲ During training on a new ladder truck, Fort Dix, N.J., fire fighters are caught in the reflection of a hose end cap.

— KRYN P. WESTHOVEN



▲ A Crusader 155mm self-propelled howitzer fires a zone 6 modular charge on Kofa Firing Range at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz.

— CANDY FIDDES



# Training





Engineers clamp the ribbing of a Rofab building during recent construction at Range 2 at Fort McCoy, Wis.

— ANITA JOHNSON



SSG Kami Keoho from Operational Detachment Alpha 514, 1st Bn., 5th Special Forces Group, jumps from a CH-47 as crew members watch.

— SPC JASON PRESCOTT



SPC T. J. Soriano of the Delaware Army National Guard's 280th Sig. Bde., climbs a pole to run wire and cable connections for Exercise Grecian Firebolt.

— SSG DEBORAH WITCH

SPC Ruben Montiel of the 326th Chem. Co. in Huntsville, Ala., takes a drink of water during decontamination operations. Montiel and his unit were training with the British Royal Yeomanry in NBC defense procedures.

— PAUL R. ADAM



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## On the Job



Ranger students learn proper river-crossing techniques during the third phase of the 61-day ranger school.  
— SPC MITCH FRAZIER ▼

SSG Robert Lanier of the 1st Inf. Div. Engr. Bde. works on a Humvee at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo  
— DANA FINNEY ▶







The U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School's MG Hawthorne Proctor and CSM Larry Gammon lead soldiers around Williams Stadium at Fort Lee, Va., as part of the 225-mile Quartermaster Corps' 225th anniversary run June 13.

— SPC NEIL C. JONES

Angie Thornton, lead singer of "Miss Angie," performs for members of the 3rd Inf. Div. and their families during the chapel-sponsored Petra Cafe concert series at Fort Stewart, Ga.

— PVT ADAM NUELKEN



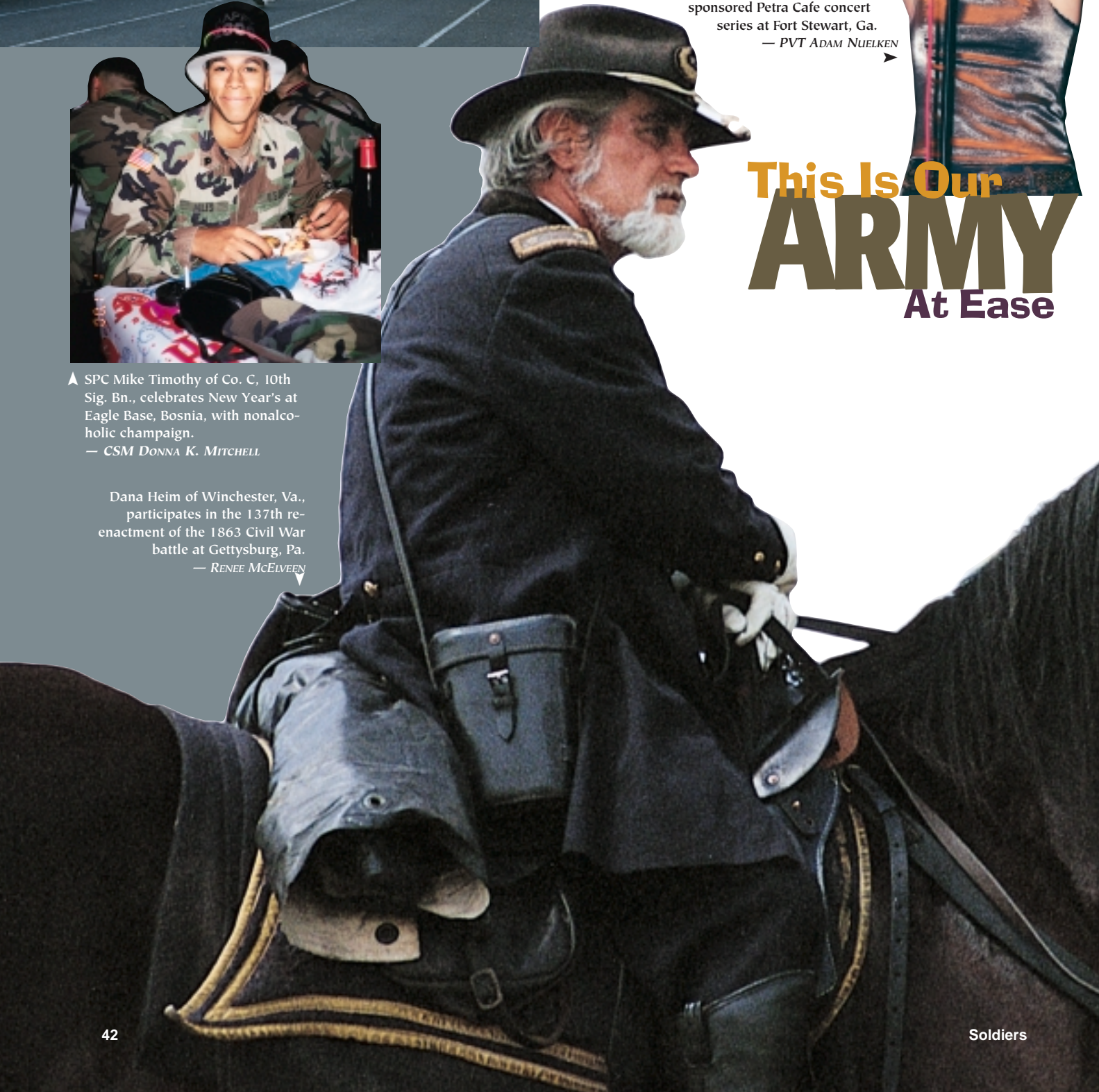
▲ SPC Mike Timothy of Co. C, 10th Sig. Bn., celebrates New Year's at Eagle Base, Bosnia, with nonalcoholic champagne.

— CSM DONNA K. MITCHELL

Dana Heim of Winchester, Va., participates in the 137th re-enactment of the 1863 Civil War battle at Gettysburg, Pa.

— RENEE McELVEEN

# This Is Our ARMY At Ease







▲ National Guard soldiers SGT Louis Esquivel (left) of Trp. E, 82nd Cav., and CPL Robert Martin of the 2nd Bn., 111th FA, participate in a pie-eating contest during Employee Appreciation Day at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.  
— ANTHONY J. RICCHIAZZI



North Carolina National Guard soldiers rescue a horse from his flooded barn in Tick Bite, N.C.  
— JONAS N. JORDAN



Dog handler SGT Chris Seiler gets a nuzzle from Sammi, his canine partner, at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo.  
— DANA FINNEY



▼ A 21st Sig. Co. soldier (left) is beaten to the free kick by a player from Co. D, 172nd Sppt. Bn., during the Fort Richardson, Alaska, post championship soccer game.  
— BRIAN LEPPLEY





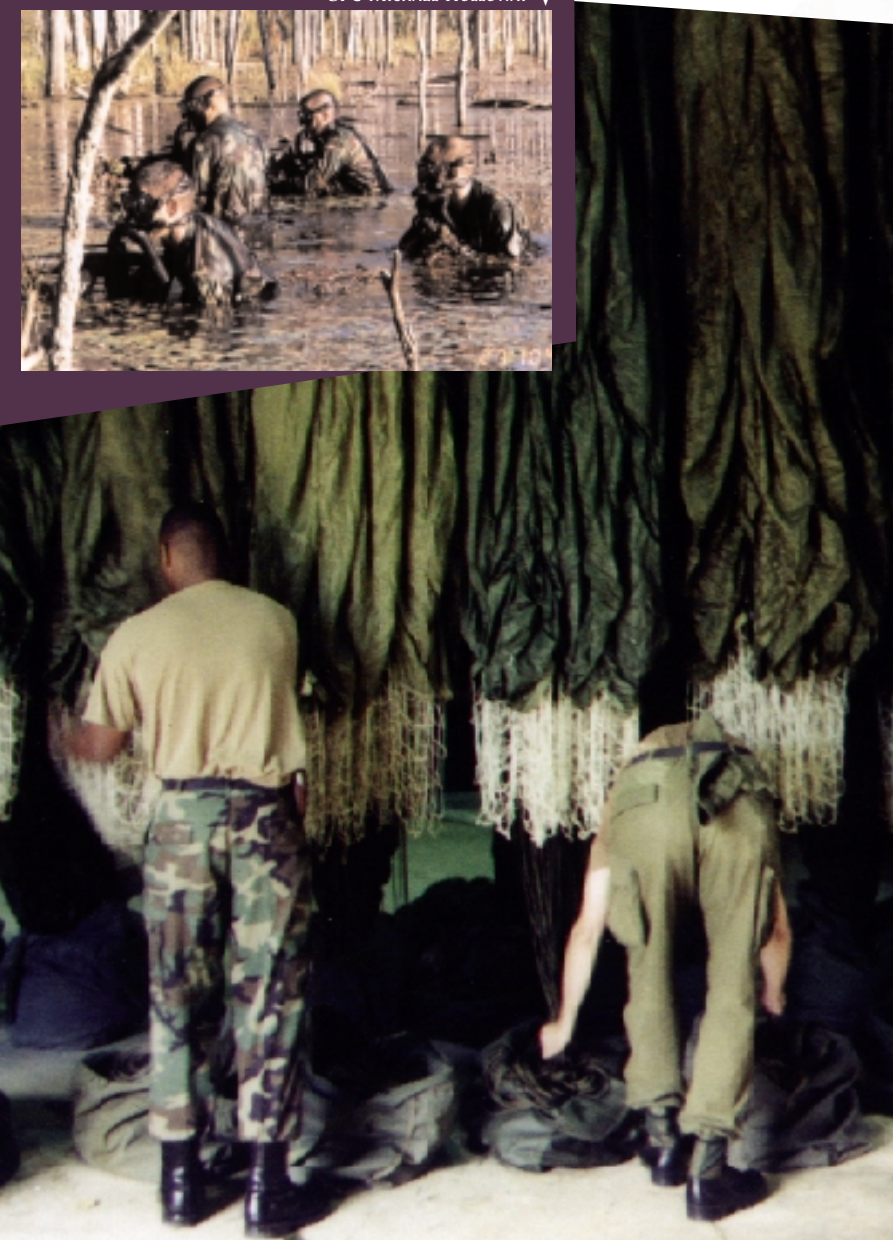
Paratroopers at Fort Bragg,  
N.C., wait to board a C-130  
at Sicily Drop Zone.  
— VICTORIA SWINSON ▼

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In Action

Instructors from the 4th Ranger Trng. Bde. wear SCUBA gear  
as they move through a swamp during the filming of a scene  
from the new Army commercial "Rangers Lead the Way!"  
— SFC MICHAEL HOLLOWAY ▼



▲ Paratroopers from the 1st  
Bn., 509th Inf., shake out  
their 'chutes in the rigging  
shed at Fort Polk, La.  
— TRISH WARRICK





SFC Terry Fry climbs a ladder into an MH-60 with members of the 5th Special Forces Group during helocasting training at Fort Campbell, Ky.  
— JASON PRESCOTT



Firefighters from Fort Lee, Va., help to put out a fire that destroyed a Taco Bell Restaurant just outside the fort.  
— SFC LISA SLAPPY

Mortarmen of the 1st Bn., 23rd Inf., fire during a battalion defensive exercise at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.  
— SGT ERIC CHASTAIN



Soldiers from Co. C, 1st Bn., 50th Inf. Regt., Infantry Training Brigade, at Fort Benning, Ga., move into an urban area during training.  
— SPC MITCH FRAZIER





SGT Constance Campbell of the San Diego, Calif., Military Entrance Processing Station sings the National Anthem for the Padres baseball game on June 14. The Padres helped the U.S. Army Southern California Recruiting Battalion celebrate the Army's 225 years with a variety of pregame festivities.

— STAN CORDELL.



Cousins Andrew Trescott and Dale Davis watch as the soldiers of the 173rd Abn. Bde. descend on Juliet Drop Zone in northern Italy.

— JULIA BOBICK



SPC Sean Gann of Btry. A, 2nd Bn., 8th FA, feeds his 4-month-old son just after returning to Fort Lewis, Wash., from a field problem.

— ANGELA GANN







▲ Tyler Hernandez sits in the driver's seat of an M551 Sheridan during the 11th Armd. Cav's kids day at Fort Irwin, Calif.  
— SGT ALAN HERNANDEZ



▲ A woman in period colonial garb passes COL Brian E. Osterndorf, District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, an old U.S. flag during a Veteran's Day flag-retirement ceremony in Concord, Mass.  
— C. J. ALLEN

# This Is Our ARMY At Home

One soldier cuts another's hair during a training lull at the National Training Center. Both are from Co. B, 1st Sqdn., 5th Cav.  
— SPC WALTER CHALLAPA

